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On instructions from my Government and further to our earlier letters concerning Israel's attacks on southern Lebanon and the Western Bekaa and the arbitrary practices against the civilian inhabitants in which it engages on a daily basis, I have the honour to notify you of the series of such incidents that took place in March 1999.

1 March 1999

Israeli occupation forces prevented a helicopter belonging to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) from making a flight in the South.

Israeli occupation forces and their militia continued to keep the Hamra-Bayt Yahun crossing closed, prevented a UNIFIL unit from crossing through it to Naqurah and maintained a nab on movements by UNIFIL personnel in the Force's area of operation.

Between 0940 and 1235 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Shuf, the Western Bekaa and the South at various altitudes breaking the sound barrier. Between 1230 and 1640 hours Israeli warplanes intermittently overflew the South and Mount Lebanon dropping heat balloons.

Without giving reasons, the Israeli occupation forces' militia closed the Zimriya crossing to passage in both directions.

Between 1110 and 1455 hours the collaborators' militia bombarded outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Zibqin with five direct-fire projectiles from its position at Shihin.

Between 2020 and 2140 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired 155-mm artillery shells and 60-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Jabal al-Rafi' area and outlying areas of Kafr Rumman.

2 March 1999

Between 0200 and 0600 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin and areas around Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort) from their positions at Tal Ya'qub and at the castle itself.

At 0550 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri directed bursts of fire towards the open sea.

Between 0459 and 1100 hours Israeli warplanes intermittently overflew the South and the Shuf at various altitudes.

At 1000 hours an Israeli gunboat off Tyre opened fire on a fishing boat causing serious damage.

Between 1005 and 1025 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Western Bekaa, Batrun and Kasrawan districts, as well as the Dhawq Electricity Company, at various altitudes.

Between 1015 and 1230 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the Tyre and Sidon East areas at high altitude.

At 1830 hours Israeli occupation forces shelled Yatar, and three shells fell near the spring.

3 March 1999

At 0505 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 120-mm mortar shells at the Dallafah spring from their position on Ahmadiyah hill.

Between 1210 and 1420 hours Israeli occupation forces fired three 155-mm mortar shells at a point to the south of height 910 (north of Ahmadiyah hill) from their position at Shurayfah. They also fired three 81-mm mortar shells at Jabal Jabbur from their position at Kafr Hunah.

At 1420 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at areas along the Tasah spring and parts of Jabal Sujud and Mlita hill from their positions at Rayhan and Shurayfah.

Between 1625 and 1735 hours Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal Sujud, Mazra'at Uqmata, Wadi Habbush, Jabal al-Rafi' and the area around Tahrah hill from their positions at Rayhan, Zafatah and Suwayda hill. The client militia also directed medium-weapons fire in all directions around its position on Rum hill.

Between 1950 and 2045 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client Lahad militia shot several direct-fire projectiles at outlying areas of Majdal Zun from their positions at Shama' and Jabal Balat.

4 March 1999

Between 0000 and 0230 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells at areas around Dabshah and Rum hills and at Ahmadiyah hill from their positions on the two former hills and from inside the occupied strip.

At 0630 hours the Lahad client militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Ayta al-Jabal and Rshaf from its positions at Ruwaysat al-Jamus and Bayt Yahun.

At 1145 hours five artillery shells fired from Israeli occupation positions at Jabal Hamid fell in the area between Sribbin and Kafra while Israeli warplanes overflew the area.

Between 1210 and 1400 hours the client Lahad militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Rshaf and Dibil from its positions at Ali al-Tahir hill and Shal'abun.

Between 1930 and 2230 hours the Lahad militia fired two 155-mm artillery shells and four direct-fire projectiles at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Zibqin and at Jabal al-Rafi' from its positions at Zafatah and Shihin.

5 March 1999

After 2220 hours on the night of 3/4 March 1999 the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Mlita hill and Mazra'at Uqmata from its positions at Zafatah.

Between 0530 and 0600 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 1110 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the Khallat al-Sayyid Ali locality between Jibal al-Butm and Zibqin, firing an air-to-surface missile.

At 1000 hours the Lahad militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi Nahr al-Fatir from its positions on Ahmadiyah hill.

Between 1100 and 1145 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Tyre and Tibnin areas at various altitudes. At 1105 and 1135 hours they attacked the Kassarat area between Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

Between 1730 and 1750 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around Sujud hill, Mazra'at Uqmata, Mlita hill, the Luwayzah vicinity, Mlikh, Mazra'at al-Hamra and areas along the Litani River towards Zawtar al-Sharqiyah from their positions at Shurayfah, Zafatah, Ksarat al-Urush, Sala'ah, Qasr and Ghazlan hill.

Between 2130 and 2145 hours the client Lahad militia fired eight 130-mm artillery shells at the Maydun hills and Jabal Abu Rashid from its position at Ayn Qinya.

At 2305 hours occupying Israeli forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Jabbur, to the west of Maydun, from Shurayfah hill.

6 March 1999

At 0605 hours the Lahad militia fired two 81-mm mortar shells at areas around its position on Tahrah hill.

At 0845 hours Israeli forces and their militia bombarded outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm with three 155-mm shells from their position at Hardun.

Between 1025 and 1045 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Izziyah and Zibqin from their position at Rajmin.

At 1050 hours the client Lahad militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Litani River, the Qasr Ghandur vicinity and areas around their positions.

At 1245 hours several artillery shells fired from Israeli occupation forces and Lahad militia positions at Hardun fell in the outskirts of Shu'aytiyah.

Between 1830 and 2055 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jba', Mazra'at Uqmata and Jabal Jabbur from their position at Shurayfah.

At 1930 hours the client Lahad militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Litani River to the south of Zawtar al-Gharbiyah from its positions at Sala'ah and Qusayr.

7 March 1999

Between 0100 and 0130 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and three 120-mm mortar shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah (to the west of Majdal Silm and Jabal Basil).

Between 0910 and 1200 hours Israeli warplanes overflew all parts of the country at various altitudes, breaking the sound barrier.

Between 1025 and 1145 hours occupying Israeli forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at Mazra'at Uqmata, Jabal al-Rafi' and areas around Sujud hill from their positions at Shurayfah, Zafatah and Aramta.

Between 1600 and 1630 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 160-mm mortar shells at

outlying areas of Haddatha from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and the Darr al-Jabal checkpoint (south of Ramiya).

Between 2100 and 2145 hours the Lahad militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells at areas along the Zahrani River towards Habbush and at Ayn al-Mir from their positions at Tahrah hill and Dahr al-Ramlah.

8 March 1999

At 0725 hours Israeli forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Silm from their position at Tall Ya'qub. They also fired nine 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah (west of Majdal Silm) from their position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 0920 and 0940 hours several 120-mm mortar shells and two 155-mm artillery shells fired from the occupied strip fell on Jabal al-Rafi' and Sujud hill.

At 1030 hours the client Lahad militia expelled Chief Warrant Officer Zayd Yusuf al-Shuwayri, commander of the Internal Security Forces Hasbayya post, to the liberated territories.

At 1230 hours a patrol of the client militia's security service proceeded to enter the public security post in Hasbayya and took Lieutenant Amin Saliqa under escort to its own post at Zaghlah, Hasbayya.

At 1740 hours Israeli forces fired 12 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, Zibqin and Izziyah from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1800 hours the Kassarat area between Zibqin and Hinniyah came under artillery fire from Israeli occupation and Lahad positions in Hardun. The shelling affected parts of Wadi al-Sama'iyah, Malikiyah and the Shu'aytiyah road, 500 metres from the checkpoint maintained by the UNIFIL Fijian contingent.

Between 1805 and 1920 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Batrun area and dropped an unidentified object in the Jabal al-Ahmar area between Zibqin and Shukin.

At 2105 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin and Majdal Zun from their position at the Bustan checkpoint.

9 March 1999

At 0510 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0935 and 1200 hours Israeli warplanes overflew all parts of the country breaking the sound barrier.

Between 1720 and 1830 hours the client Lahad militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells at areas around Tumat Niha from its position at Ayn al-Tafrah.

Between 1955 and 2000 hours the Lahad militia strafed the area around its position at Bayt Yahun with medium-weapons fire.

10 March 1999

Between 0600 and 0615 hours Israel's client Lahad militia at Bra'shit hill and Bayt Yahun and Israeli forces at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Tall Ya'qub fired nine 155-mm artillery shells and 11 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Bra'shit, Safad al-Battikh, Tibnin and Yatar.

At 0645 hours Jba' came under artillery fire from Israeli occupation forces positions in the occupied strip.

At 0855 hours a patrol of the Lahad client militia entered Kawkaba and its personnel opened fire inside the town.

At 1300 hours the Jabal al-Dahr heights and the Mimis sector came under fire from the artillery and tanks of the Israeli enemy positioned at Zimriya and Ayn Qinya and occupation forces strafed areas along the Litani River and Jabal Qilya with weapons of various types from Ahmadiyah hill.

Without giving reasons, the Lahad militia closed the Bayt Yahun crossing to passage by vehicles and pedestrians in both directions.

Between 1245 and 1500 hours enemy warplanes overflew the South, breaking the sound barrier in the Sidon area.

At 1430 hours the Lahad militia fired three 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Haddatha from its position at Rshaf.

At 1605 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 120-mm mortar shells at an area to the west of Jabal Abu Rashid.

Between 2010 and 2025 hours the Lahad militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells and direct-fire projectiles at Mazra'at Uqmata, areas along the Tasah spring and areas around their positions at Rayhan, Aramta and Sujud.

11 March 1999

At 0310 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of fire at areas along the Tasah spring and the area around Sujud hill from their positions at Ksarat al-Urush and on Sujud hill itself.

Between 0330 and 0500 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0630 and 0640 hours the Abbas intersection area and areas along the Tasah spring were hit by several 120-mm mortar shells fired from Israeli occupation positions in Rayhan.

At 1010 hours Israeli intelligence personnel arrested Khalil Ibrahim Yunus from Shihin.

Between 1735 and 1740 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Jba' and Jibal al-Butm from their positions at Shurayfah and Zafatah.

At 1900 and 1930 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Silm, Shaqra and Wadi al-Qaysiyah from their position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint. Israeli helicopters also made frequent overflights of the area.

At 2230 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Ayn al-Tinah from their position at Abu Qamhah.

12 March 1999

At 0230 hours Israeli occupation forces fired 14 130-mm and 155-mm shells at Jabal Bir al-Dahr and Ayn al-Tinah from their positions at Abu Qamhah and Suwayda hill. The shelling resumed at 1115 hours and two shells fell on Jabal Bir al-Dahr.

At 1145 hours the outskirts of Majdal Zun came under Israeli 155-mm artillery fire from positions on Hardun hill.

13 March 1999

At 0530 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Kufur.

Between 0535 and 0640 hours Israeli occupation forces and their client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Abu Rashid, Rayat hill, Jabal Bir al-Dahr, Maydun, Jabal al-Rafi' and Jabal Abra (east of Ayn al-Tinah) from their positions at Marahat al-Bashiq, Ibl al-Saqi, Abu Qamhah and Zafatah.

At 0600 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

The Lahad militia proceeded to place earthen berms alongside the Rum checkpoint and partitioned the town into two sections with 90 per cent of it inside the occupied security zone and 10 per cent outside.

At 1125 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Izziyah, Mansuri, Majdal Zun, Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and the Bustan checkpoint.

At 1455 hours the Iqlim al-Tuffah heights, areas along the Zahrani River and Jabal al-Rafi' came under Israeli artillery fire from occupation positions inside the strip.

Between 1645 and 1830 hours the client Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Jba', Ayn Qana, Sujud and Jabal al-Rafi' from its positions at Zafatah, Aramta and Rayhan.

At 2045 hours Israeli forces fired three 155-mm shells at outlying areas of Shaqra from their position at the Mimis checkpoint.

14 March 1999

Between 0500 and 0640 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of fire at Tibnin, Jibal al-Butm, Zibqin and Wadi al-Qaysiyah from their positions in the Bint Jubayl area.

At 0530 hours the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed a number of bursts of fire at outlying areas of Luwayzah and areas along the Tasah spring from its positions at Sujud hill and Zafatah.

At 0815 hours the Kassarat area between Zibqin and Hinniyah came under Israeli artillery fire from occupation positions in Tayr Harfa. More than 20 shells were reported to have impacted.

Between 0745 and 0820 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Haddatha, Bra'shit, Safad al-Battikh, Tibnin, Izziyah and Zibqin from their positions outside Ramiyah and at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Tall Ya'qub, Shaqif al-Naml and Bayt Yahun. In the shelling of Haddatha, Qasim Muhammad Nasir, 79, and Fatimah Hasan Qushmur, 24, were hurt and damage was done to eight dwellings and four vehicles.

15 March 1999

Between 0600 and 0630 hours Israeli forces fired several 155-mm shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and Wadi al-Hujayr and at outlying areas of Sawwanah, Tulin, Haddatha, Yatar, Jibal al-Butm and Izziyah from their positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Tall Ya'qub.

Between 0930 and 1020 hours Israeli warplanes and reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South and Mount Lebanon.

At 1130 hours the area between Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm came under Israeli artillery fire from occupation positions in the occupied strip.

Between 1200 and 1320 hours Israeli occupation forces fired 15 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin and Majdal Zun from their position at the Bustan checkpoint.

Between 1750 and 2155 hours Israeli warplanes and reconnaissance aircraft overflew coastal areas of the South, the Shuf, the Bekaa, the Matn and Kasrawan.

At 1410 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Haddatha from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

Between 1545 and 1600 hours occupation forces fired five artillery shells at areas around Sawwanah and Wadi al-Qaysiyah from their position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Muhaybib.

At 1700 hours Israeli forces fired several 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Zibqin from their position at Jabal Balat.

At 2100 hours the Lahad militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Qabrikha, and Israeli occupation forces engaged in heavy shelling of the outskirts of Bra'shit, Haddatha, Ayta al-Jabal, Zibqin and Tibnin up to Wadi al-Qaysiyah.

At 2145 hours the Israeli occupation artillery shelled the outskirts of Jibal al-Butm and Zibqin from inside the occupied strip.

16 March 1999

Between 0550 and 0615 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of fire at Jabal al-Rafi', areas along the Zahrani River, Wadi Habbush and outlying areas of Haris, Sribbin, Haddatha and Yatar from their positions at Tall Ya'qub, Shurayfah and Zafatah.

At 0735 hours Israeli occupation positions in Tall Ya'qub shelled outlying areas of Zibqin, Izziyah and Majdal Zun.

At 0815 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, firing one air-to-surface missile.

At 2100 hours Lahad militia elements seized five dwellings in Rum to house their own personnel.

Between 1655 and 1830 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed bursts of fire at outlying areas of Adshit, Qusayr, Tamiriyah, Tulin, Qabrikha and Ghanduriyah from their positions at Tayyibah, Hula and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and on Dabshah hill.

Between 1915 and 1940 hours five Israeli helicopters flew along the coast between Mansuri and Abu al-Aswad and dropped illumination flares over the shoreline.

17 March 1999

For unknown reasons, the Lahad militia prevented the inhabitants of Hula from crossing into the liberated areas by way of the Bayt Yahun crossing.

Between 0930 and 1200 hours Israeli warplanes overflew all regions of Lebanon breaking the sound barrier. Between 1215 and 1515 hours they again overflew Mount Lebanon and the Western Bekaa.

At 1650 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin, Majdal Zun and Mansuri from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1745 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the outskirts of Shu'aytiyah up to 100 metres from inhabited dwellings.

Between 1730 and 1750 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm, firing several air-to-surface missiles. A 67-year-old woman, Wasilah Shibli Khalil, was wounded in the attack.

At 1750 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and outlying areas of Sawwanah.

At 1810 hours the Lahad militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Mansuri, Mazra'at Buyut al-Siyad and Majdal Zun, and Israeli warplanes attacked the area between Zibqin and Hinniyah.

At 2115 hours Israeli occupation forces fired an artillery shell at the area around the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah.

18 March 1999

Between 0545 and 0615 hours the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Hamra and the Yuhmur lowland from its position at Zafatah.

At 0550 hours the abandoned Lebanese Army barracks in Nabatiyah came under artillery fire from Israeli occupation and client militia positions.

At 0715 hours the Iqlim al-Tuffah heights came under Israeli artillery fire.

Between 0840 and 1215 hours Israeli warplanes and reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South, the Bekaa, Mount Lebanon and the North at various altitudes.

At 1430 hours Israeli occupation forces proceeded to blow up two dwellings in lower Arnoun, destroying them completely and leaving cracks in two other dwellings.

Between 1435 and 1445 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

For unknown reasons, at 1500 hours the Lahad militia proceeded to close the Rum checkpoint to passage in both directions.

Between 1820 and 1835 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Burj Qallawiyah and Wadi al-Qaysiyah from their positions at the Markaba and Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1850 and 1900 hours Israeli occupation forces and their client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of fire at areas along the Litani River and outlying areas of Maydun and Mazra'at Uqmata.

19 March 1999

Between 0900 and 0950 hours the Lahad militia fired three 120-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Mazra'at Uqmata and areas around the Kafr Tibnin crossing from its positions at Rayhan and at the crossing itself.

At 0950 hours Israeli occupation forces fired 10 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Jabbur from their position at Abu Qamhah.

At 1100 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Jabal Abu Rashid, opposite Maydun, firing two air-to-surface missiles. They also attacked the Uqmata lowland in the Iqlim al-Tuffah area.

Between 1850 and 1925 hours occupation forces and the client Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Hamra and Tulin from their positions at Shurayfah, the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Zafatah.

At 1645 hours the Lahad militia expelled Su'ad Rif'at Razzuq of Ariyah, Jazzin district, and her four children to the liberated areas. She is the wife of Ghattas Ilyas al-Suwaydi, a former prisoner.

For unknown reasons, the Lahad militia prevented the inhabitants of Hasbayya, Ayn Qinya, Shab'a, Ayn Harfa, Shuba and Ibl al-Saqi from crossing into the liberated areas.

20 March 1999

At 0640 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Mazra'at Uqmata, areas along the Tasah spring and the area around Suwayda hill from their positions at Shurayfah and Suwayda.

At 1350 hours the Lahad militia fired three 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yuhmur from its position at Zafatah.

At 1525 hours the Lahad militia fired an 81-mm mortar shell at the northern section of Kafr Tibnit from its position on Ali al-Tahir hill. A wheat field as well as an inhabited dwelling owned by Ali Najib Yasin were damaged.

At 1705 hours the Lahad militia fired three 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Majdal Silm from its position at Hula.

21 March 1999

At 0650 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of fire at Mazra'at Uqmata and areas along the Tasah spring from their positions at Ksarat al-Urush and Sujud hill.

At 0950 hours the Lahad militia fired three 155-mm artillery shells at the Yuhmur lowland from its position at Zafatah.

Between 1500 and 1515 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm and Zibqin from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

Between 2020 and 2245 hours Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at the Yuhmur lowland from their position on Shurayfah hill.

Between 2140 and 2230 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South. At 2215 hours they attacked Mazra'at Uqmata, firing an air-to-surface missile.

22 March 1999

At 0725 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Mlita hill, firing an air-to-surface missile.

Between 1645 and 1900 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Hujayr, outlying areas of Tulin, areas along the Tasah spring and the Rum hill vicinity from their positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and on Rum hill and Sujud hill.

Between 1850 and 1930 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Western Bekaa. At 1900 hours they attacked the area around Sujud hill and outlying areas of Jabal Abu Rashid and Jabal al-Rafi'.

At 2035 hours occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yuhmur from their position at Shurayfah.

23 March 1999

Between 0020 and 0500 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 120-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Zibqin and Yatar from their positions at Jabal Balat and on Dabshah hill.

Between 1200 and 1300 hours the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal al-Rafi' from its position at Zafatah. It also shelled Mazra'at Uqmata and the area around Sujud with 120-mm mortar shells.

At 1450 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells from their positions at Shurayfah, Zafatah and Ksarat al-Urush.

Between 1530 and 1605 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, Zibqin and Izziyah from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and the Bustan checkpoint.

At 1600 hours Israeli occupation forces proceeded to bulldoze a dwelling belonging to Abd Allah Musa Diyab in Hula.

Between 1650 and 1730 hours the client Lahad militia and Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Zibqin, Izziyah, Mansuri and Buyut al-Siyad from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and the Bustan checkpoint and on Hardun and Bayadah hills.

Between 1755 and 1835 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Jba', Mlita, Humin al-Fawqa, Mlikh, Jabal Safi and Jabal al-Rafi' from their positions at Rayhan, Shurayfah, Zafatah and Ksarat al-Urush.

At 1935 hours Israeli occupation forces and their client militia resumed the shelling of Jabal al-Rafi', Mlikh and outlying areas of Jba' with 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells from their positions at Shurayfah and Zafatah.

At 2030 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Sawwanah and Tamiriyah from their positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

The Lahad militia arrested Majid Mundhir, Kamal Mundhir and Kamal Ghubbar from Ibl al-Saqi.

24 March 1999

Between 0030 and 0130 an Israeli gunboat off the Zahrani and Awali estuaries alarmed fishermen by directing searchlights at their boats. Two Israeli helicopters also flew along the coast from Sayniq to Jiyah.

Between 0105 and 0610 hours Israeli occupation forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells and three 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Majdal Silm and Zibqin from their positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Jabal Balat.

The collaborators' militia summoned Najib Mundhir, of Zaghlah town, to its security posts at Zaghlah hill and detained him.

Between 1005 and 1045 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Litani River west of Zillaya and at Jabal al-Rafi' and Wadi Arabsalim.

At 1105 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South. At 1115 hours they attacked Tayyunah hill (between Jibal al-Butm and Zibqin), firing an air-to-surface missile.

At 1340 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired six 155-mm artillery shells and four 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of

Tibnin and Haris from their positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and on Shal'abun hill (north-west of Bint Jubayl).

At 1415 hours Israeli occupation forces fired two 155-mm artillery shells, one of which landed near a dwelling in Tibnin alongside the headquarters of the Polish contingent and the other in a worksite for concrete blocks.

At 1520 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at Yatar from their positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1625 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South. They attacked Mazra'at al-Hamra, firing four air-to-surface missiles. At 1630 hours they attacked the Luwayzah heights and then once more attacked Mazra'at al-Hamra (in the Zawtar al-Sharqiyah area).

Between 1835 and 1945 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Qaysiyah, outlying areas of Burj Qallawiyah and Ghanduriyah, the Yuhmur lowland, Shaqif, Jabal al-Rafi' and areas along the Litani River from their positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Zafatah and Sala'ah.

Between 1835 and 1945 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun from their position at Jabal Balat.

25 March 1999

Between 0010 and 0105 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at the area around the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah, Wadi al-Kufur, Mazra'at al-Hamra and outlying areas of Mayfadun and Qa'qa'iyat al-Jisr from their positions at Zafatah and Shurayfah.

At 0050 hours the Lahad militia directed bursts of fire from 12.8-mm calibre weapons at the Mimis sector from its position in Ayn Qinya.

At 1945 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from their position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

26 March 1999

Between 0600 and 0610 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at Wadi al-Saluqi and Wadi al-Qaysiyah from their positions at Tayyibah and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1300 and 1315 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Yatar and Jibal al-Butm and at Wadi al-Kufur from their positions at Dahr al-Jabal (south-east of Ramiya) and Zafatah.

Between 1930 and 2000 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 81-mm and 60-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring, outlying areas of Kafr Rumman and Wadi Habbush from their positions on Dabshah hill and Suwayda hill.

27 March 1999

Between 0000 and 0430 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Zibqin, Izziyah and Yatar and fired illumination flares over Majdal Zun from their position at Jabal Balat.

Between 0550 and 0600 hours the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Zahrani River in the direction of Habbush from its position at Zafatah.

At 0745 hours occupation forces fired a 60-mm mortar shell at the northern section of Yuhmur al-Shaqif from their position at Shaqif. It seriously damaged a civilian vehicle.

For unknown reasons, the Lahad militia prevented the inhabitants of Mays al-Jabal from leaving for the liberated areas.

At 1235 hours Israeli forces fired several artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm from their positions at Tall Ya'qub, the Bustan checkpoint and Dahr al-Jabal. At 1520 hours the shelling of the area resumed and 11 160-mm mortar shells were fired.

28 March 1999

Between 0000 and 0101 hours Israeli occupation forces fired seven 120-mm mortar shells and two illumination flares at Zibqin, Shihin and Majdal Zun from their positions at Radar hill and Bayadah.

Between 0115 and 0130 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Tamiriyah and Sawwanah from their position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

29 March 1999

Between 1050 and 1230 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew parts of the South.

Between 1420 and 1525 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Jba', the area around Sujud and Wadi Kafra and Wadi Habbush from their positions at Shurayfah hill and Ksarat al-Urush.

Between 1415 and 1540 hours Israeli occupation forces fired 16 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Abu Rashid, Jabbur and Ayn al-Tinah from Ahmadiyah hill and Shurayfah hill.

Between 1735 and 2130 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of fire at outlying areas of Haddatha, Habbush, Arabsalim, Jabal al-Rafi', areas along the Tasah spring and Uqmata from their positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Shurayfah, Zafatah, Shaqif al-Naml and Ksarat al-Urush and on Suwayda, Sujud, Razlan, Tahrah and Dabshah hills.

At 2015 hours an Israeli gunboat off Abu al-Aswad directed its searchlights at a number of fishing boats.

At 2015 hours an Israeli tank on station at the Tahrah position shot several direct-fire projectiles at Wadi al-Akhdar and outlying areas of Kafr Rumman. The Iqlim al-Tuffah heights continued to come under intermittent artillery bombardment from the Israeli positions opposite.

At 2240 hours the Lahad militia on Suwayda hill shot a direct-fire projectile at Arabsalim that fell near the Irshad school.

At 2310 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired a concentrated barrage of artillery shells at Wadi al-Asi, between Jibal al-Butm and Zibqin.

30 March 1999

At 0825 hours the Lahad militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi Habbush from its position on Suwayda hill.

Between 1130 and 1145 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at the area between Habbush and Kufur and at Jabal al-Rafi' from their position at Shurayfah.

Between 1250 and 1410 hours Israeli warplanes overflew areas of the Western Bekaa and strafed the Wadi Janham area and Jabal al-Khan. Enemy helicopters then proceeded to fire at a Lebanese Army position, wounding four soldiers, while MK reconnaissance aircraft continued their overflights.

Between 1355 and 1505 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Haddatha from their positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Abu Qamhah.

Between 1515 and 1525 hours the Lahad militia fired five 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Tiri and Bayt Yahun from its positions at Shal'abun hill and Saff al-Hawa', north-west of Bint Jubayl.

Between 1655 and 1735 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, Zibqin and Izziyah and several 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Yahun from their positions at the Yarin checkpoint and Saff al-Hawa'.

At 2025 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at the Maydun hills from their position on Ahmadiyah hill.

31 March 1999

Between 0400 and 0500 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0725 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at the Maydun hills from their position on Ahmadiyah hill,

At 1155 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm and Yatar from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and the Bustan checkpoint.

Between 1315 and 1355 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, Zawtar al-Gharbiyah, Zibqin, areas along the Litani River, Qabrikha, Yuhmur, Dayr Siryan and Zawtar al-Sharqiyah from their positions at Tall al-Ibad, Shurayfah and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and inside Israeli territory.

Between 1350 and 1415 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Tyre area. At 1355 hours they attacked outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, firing an air-to-surface missile, and the outskirts of Shu'aytiyah in the Tyre area. At 1400 hours they attacked the area between Jibal al-Butm and Zibqin, firing four air-to-surface missiles, while the outskirts of Yatar, Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm came under heavy artillery fire from occupation forces in the occupied strip.

At 1430 hours the Iqlim al-Tuffah heights, Jabal al-Rafi', Mlita, Luwayzah, Sujud and Ayshiyah came under 155-mm Israeli artillery fire from positions at Zafatah.

At 1610 hours the Lahad militia shot a direct-fire projectile at an outlying area of Shaqra from its position at Hula.

At 1905 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, firing an air-to-surface missile.

Between 1900 and 2210 hours Israeli occupation forces and the client militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 60-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of fire at outlying areas of Zibqin and Yatar and at the areas around the Qusayr position and Dabshah hill from their position at Tall Ya'qub and from the Qusayr and Dabshah hill positions themselves.

The Lebanese Government strongly condemns the continued Israeli occupation and the fresh attacks and arbitrary practices against the Lebanese civilian population that have left a number of wounded and caused further serious damage to property.

Like previous attacks, this new series is in flagrant violation of the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon and constitutes a breach of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, of international law and of basic human rights.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

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